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LIFE'S LIKE THAT - By Fred Neuf



"I wish to open a new account . . . My old one is all tangled up."



QUICKIES



"Bored, officer, I don't live here any more—he told all his lies with a 'Colonel' What did he say?"

ENJOY SHOW ON SWELL DAY

Ship's Passengers Crowded Deck to Observe War Game

THOMAS HARRISON

MONTECALA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Our ship eased into the sunny Honolulu

harbor at 10:30 a.m. on the first

of the day.

They were played a swell day for

in. Thinking it was nothing more

serious than a big scale war game,

we enjoyed the show immensely.

Score of delighted passengers

viewing the show remained this, a

was master fire of the United

States Navy landing in an early

our arrival.

A whistling bomb plummeted into

the water, about 150 yards from our

ship and the American gunners

drove sound for Tison, shouted,

Boy, what if it had been a real one.

A half an hour later we got the

full impact of the sad reality. The

ship's officers and crew were

in the air and up in this was the real

thing, not the war on

China.

The bombing spectacle we had

been watching—five, the

point, the sea-splashing crew of anti-

aircraft zone before our eyes—was

the opening stroke of the war on

China.

The officer who announced the

news to us was prophetic and his

hands were trembling. He took a

deep breath and then he said:

"It was there a real one."

Unclear war between Honolulu and

the United States."

Everybody wondered what he

meant by "there a real one."

His slip of the tongue was cleared

up soon, however, and we learned

the

truth.

Officially characterized of one

why is this frequently employed and

people in line "duty" which ap-

peared on the literary scene in the

beginning of the twentieth century

is just another form of date.

"Now" "now" is the modern coun-

terpart of the Old English date to

date, an altogether innocuous mean-

ing.

Now, however, what happens when

a word goes to town and means

work on it.

From the simple sense of some-

times "date" gradually came to

mean "date" in the literary sense

of the word.

significance of acting foolishly, pro-

posed in the use of the word.

misdirections. First in youth, then in

maturity and old age, and com-

mon to the common of excessive

emotions emanating from weakness

of character.

Perhaps it is all in the

word.

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WIMPY OLIVE, THE JEEP

AUNT JONES AS ME PREN

OSCAR—SHE FORGOT

THEY'RE STARTING A

WIMPY FOR SPARKING

IS A BIG JOB, BUT

I'M SURE YOU CAN

DO IT

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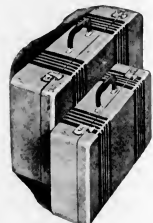
Ripples, Street Floor at THE BAY

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Christmas Is the Time to Give Her an

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Men's Gladstone Bags

He'll be more than pleased if you give him this strong leather Gladstone Bag finished with heavy leather straps. Inner-finish compartments inside and suit hanger; 24-inch size in genuine black leather. **14.95**

Luggage, Street Floor at THE BAY



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Toiletries, Street Floor at THE BAY



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NO. 4—EIGHTY-FOURTH YEAR

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1941



BUYING food for our fighting men is big business. Here, for instance in the Victoria area and by this I mean the entire military district south of Duncan—the bill amounts to more than \$2,000 a day. It costs all of that to feed the men in the army, RCAF and RAAF barracks, camps and stations.

All supplies are loaded through the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps depot at Work Point Barracks. And although you, as a taxpayer, feel the navy food bill too, it isn't included in this estimate. The navy operates its own supply depot.

I call this an estimate, but you have the assurance of Frank C. A. Muir, officer in charge of the Work Point depot, that it is pretty close figuring. Frank Muir has the exact cost per man at his fingertips, but he doesn't disclose it.

The officer is willing to talk up to a point, then he becomes personally vague, even tight-lipped about it all. Obviously, he points out, there has to be a limit to the information that can be revealed with discretion. Given the total cost and the cost per man, and the answer is the number of troops in the area. The army prefers to keep this information secret.

If authorities were relevant, honestly, they are positively non-committal now that the Japanese are running wild in the Pacific.

It is difficult to convey in figures a realistic conception of the really considerable volume of food that moves not daily from the depot. One has to see the unfettered clerks and drivers heaping it into the big trucks to appreciate the grand scale on which the depot does business.

On an average day more than two tons of meat, two and a half tons of potatoes and other vegetables, and one and a quarter tons, or 3,000 loaves of bread move out of this bustling emporium. Bacon consumption is 300 pounds a day, and butter another 500. Six tons of apples, that is, 300 boxes, are sent out every week, and 100 cases of eggs, or 3,000 dozen.

But enough statistics. How does the business? How about the military food contracts?

They used to say in those wide-open First Great War days that a man who couldn't get rich from a government food contract deserved to remain poor. Perfection and profitability were two often synonyms.

What a contrast now! In this war competition is no more, and margins are

whittled so fine, that many big firms aren't interested in war contracts at all. The army's purchasing department drives a hard bargain.

So Frank Muir explained the Government's current policy when I visited the depot recently. The lieutenant himself came to the army with a comprehensive and thorough background in the purchasing game as practiced in civilian, peacetime business. He was employed in the purchasing department of one of British Columbia's largest logging companies. But now, as he compares pre-war purchasing with the gigantic scale on which

the army does his buying, it seems its reinvestment small stuff to him. He frankly admits he has learned a lot in the army.

Quality and Price

A RCAF contract usually runs on a monthly basis, but sometimes longer, maybe two or three months. Tenders are submitted to the Munitions and Supply Office and the successful tenderer for specified foodstuffs is awarded the contract for a stipulated period, based on quality in relation to price.

Supplies are received at the depot against certificates awarded by the depart-

ment, and we refuse to accept merchandise unless it conforms in every detail to specifications," insists Muir. "Because of the great volume, competitive bar-bargaining is exceedingly keen."

The depot has developed an efficient system of handling incoming and outgoing supplies. When goods arrive they are delivered to the basement, down through a smooth, metal-lined chute. With Bud

Kusman, The Colonist cameraman, who took the accompanying photographs, I explored the cool, commodious expanses of this well-stocked store room. We wandered through narrow passageways, formed by long rows of canned goods, piled in cases close to the ceiling, and among stacks of flour, meat, macaroni, rolled oats and potatoes stacked layer upon layer on all sides.

Part of the depot staff, which varies from twelve to fifteen men, work in the basement, detailed to check incoming goods and fill requisitions for the groceries used in large quantities. Use of an ex-

perienced Staff

SUBSTANTIAL basement counter usage three sides of the overhead racks, and here the smaller quantities that go into each order are prepared. From the easy, systematic way in which the staff goes about the work, it is apparent that they are trained grocery and warehouse men. Such, indeed, is the case here. I found it lacking with men after another of those alert, good-natured "nerkers" they looked half-trainees, half-soldier, wearing white aprons over their khaki uniforms.

The rest of the staff are housed in offices adjoining the central room. Here

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- 1-Soldier checks delivery and orders in supply depot.
- 2-Army's J. Brown and R. C. Muir, loading boxes of apples to fill requisition.
- 3>Loading truck for delivery to army depot.
- 4-Lieut. C. A. Muir, in charge of the depot and Work Point Barracks, D.C. in charge of supplies.
- 5-Frank C. A. Muir, in charge of the depot and Work Point Barracks, D.C. in charge of supplies.
- 6-View of the supply depot, which supplies work on the battle front.
- 7-A corner of the basement where supplies are stored.
- 8-Working and measuring various items of food.

By Robert Connell

ful discovery of fossilised wood with borings. This is actually one of the monest finds along the shore but Shirley fossil-beds. Sometimes such has also fossil-barnacles attached. There is still much to learn from the teresting rocks and while there money in their exploration good div in body and mind are certain.

But if the "bear's tooth" was an nothing it was not so with another reported to us by a resident of this Working in the timber in the valley tributary of the stream that joins Mc Creek at the Kirby farm he had com-

two whale ribs in the loose sediment in the stream valley. A short time after-
he took us to the place and although
he disappeared under a ship of the I
we secured the other and brought it
triumphantly. The history of the rib
bone did not however wholly end with
deposition on the porch of the house.
household. A month or two after the
the rib went with other curiosities to
basement and was for a time forgotten
the pressure of other business. But
day I noticed in the household wood-
some curious fuel and pecking up
I found it was a neatly sawn-off por-
of the whale-rib. Chin with faithful
discriminating economy had care-

It was in the valley of Kirby Creek we came on pieces of fossil float of anything else we had seen. They were pieces of rock almost wholly made of very large mudstone-shells (see page 10) and a few gastropods. In finding them our first visit to the old Campbell Invermuir, where in our innocence we expected to get some information from the occupants about the mysterious fossils. But we found the house on first visit unoccupied. Afterwards searched in vain in the cliffs high

Muir and Tugwell creeks. One of the
Bookie Campbell's who died a few
ago and spent much of his leisure
prospecting the upper valley of the
assured me had recently seen the m
bearing stratum and took me with h
the place, but again search was un
ing. Later Mr. Alec Campbell of "A
guided Cornwall and myself in, bu
cumstances prevented our reaching

Kirby Creek is also known as "Creek" and is so marked on some maps. This name came from the time when Richardson made his reconnoiter of the coal measures of the island. He visited this area and noted the occurrence of small quantities of lignite or carbonaceous matter, sometimes with recognizable leaf-impressions. It is of no commercial value whatever, occurring in very thin bands or streaks or in shaped bodies. Fossil wood is chiefly near Mulr Creek and in Books Creek. Recently I saw a news report of a

ful discovery of fossilised wood with borings. This is actually one of the monest finds along the shore but Shirley fossil-beds. Sometimes such has also fossil-barnacles attached. There is still much to learn from the interesting rocks and while there money in their exploration good div in body and mind are certain.

